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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR SEARCHING CONTENT PARTICULARLY FOR EXTRACTS COMMON TO TWO COMPUTER FILES

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/599,655	LEBRAT, FRANCOIS
	Examiner	Art Unit
	BRUCE A. WITZENBURG	2166

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Remarks filed 10/04/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/11/2006
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Etienne P LeRoux/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2161

/Bruce A Witzenburg/
Examiner, Art Unit 2166

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Changes have been made in accordance with agreement reached with applicant over the phone June 10th 2009.

3. Claims 1, 9, 14, 26, and 27 have been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method implemented by computer means of searching content, for at least one extract common to a first file and to a second file, in the form of binary data, being searched for, wherein the method comprises:
a prior preparation of the first file at least, comprising the following steps:
a) segmenting the first file into a succession of data packets, of chosen size, and identifying addresses of packets in said file,

b) associating with the address of each packet a digital signature defining a fuzzy logic state from among at least three states: "true", "false" and "undetermined", said signature resulting from a combinatorial calculation on data emanating from said file, and the search for common extract, itself, comprising the following steps:

c) comparing the fuzzy logic states associated with each packet address of the first file, with fuzzy logic states determined on the basis of data emanating from the second file,

d) eliminating from said search for common extract, pairs of respective addresses of the first and second files whose respective logic states are "true" and "false" or "false" and "true", and preserving the other pairs of addresses identifying data packets liable to comprise said common extract.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, ~~taken in combination with claim 2~~, wherein:

the "true" state is assigned to the address of a packet if, for this packet, all the filtered samples have a value greater than a chosen reference value,

the "false" state is assigned to the address of a packet if, for this packet, all the filtered samples have a value less than a chosen reference value, and

the "undetermined" state is assigned to the address of a packet if, for this packet, the filtered samples have, for certain of them, a value less than said reference value, and, for other filtered samples, a value greater than said reference value.

14. The method as claimed in claim 13, ~~taken in combination with claim 12~~, wherein the fuzzy states determined for a least number of coefficients K are coded on least significant bits and the fuzzy states determined for a larger number of coefficients K are coded on subsequent bits, up to a chosen total number of bits.

26. (currently amended) A computer program product, ~~intended to be~~ stored in a memory of a central unit of a computer or on a removable medium ~~intended~~ to cooperate with a reader of said central unit, the program comprising instructions for conducting steps for searching at least one extract common to a first file and to a second file, in the form of binary data, said steps comprising:
a prior preparation of the first file at least, including the following steps:
a) segmenting the first file into a succession of data packets, of chosen size, and identifying addresses of packets in said file,\br/>b) associating with the address of each packet a digital signature defining a fuzzy logic state from among at least three states: “true”, “false” and “undetermined”, said signature resulting from a combinatorial calculation on data emanating from said file,
and the search for common extract, itself, including the following steps:
c) comparing the fuzzy logic states associated with each packet address of the first file, with fuzzy logic states determined on the basis of data emanating from the second file,
d) eliminating from said search for common extract, pairs of respective addresses of the first and second files whose respective logic states are “true” and “false” or “false” and

“true”, and preserving the other pairs of addresses identifying data packets liable to comprise said common extract.

27. A data structure intended to be stored on a computer-readable storage medium used for a search of at least one extract common to a first and a second file, the data structure being representative of the first file, the data structure being obtained by the implementation of the following steps:

- a) segmenting the first file into a succession of data packets of chosen size, and identifying addresses of packets in said file.
- b) associating with the address of each packet a digital signature defining a fuzzy logic state from among at least three states: “true”, “false” and “undetermined”, said signature resulting from a combinatorial calculation on data emanating from said file, the data structure thus comprising a succession of addresses identifying addresses of the first file, a fuzzy logic state from among the states: “true”, “false” and “undetermined”, being assigned to each of said addresses of the data structure.
- c) comparing the fuzzy logic states associated with each packet address of the first file, with fuzzy logic states determined on the basis of data emanating from the second file,
- d) eliminating from said search for common extract, pairs of respective addresses of the first and second files whose respective logic states are “true” and “false” or “false” and “true”, and preserving the other pairs of addresses identifying data packets liable to comprise said common extract.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is Kirovski et al. (US 6,738,744) hereafter "Kirovski," Pai et al. (US 5,935,247) hereafter "Pai," Xu et al. (US 6,674,861) hereafter "Xu," and Braudaway et al. (US 5,825,892) hereafter "Braudaway." Kirovski deals with searching for a known watermark within a file. While Kirovski does contain an implementation that has segmented files and searching for data which may give an erroneous result thus potentially making obvious the implementation of "fuzzy logic," the operation is markedly different as it operates with a known watermark and pseudorandom noise generation method. Instead, the implementation of the instant application is quite different. It works with two files to determine if they share an extract instead of with a file and a pseudorandom algorithm to determine if the pseudorandom algorithm was used on the file. In addition, while Kirovski has files divided into blocks (i.e. audio "frames") it does not show the system splitting the music into frames or using addresses of the frames to carry out its implementation. The remaining prior art deals primarily with the background of watermarking or genetic code instead of the detection thereof which the instant application aims to do.

The dependent claims which are definite and enable by the specification and being further limiting to the independent claims are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRUCE A. WITZENBURG whose telephone number is (571)270-1908. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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